

Advanced Arabic II
Verbal/Translation Warmup
Skills Sheet, #1

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Target: passive/reflexive voice (form V, VI, VII: انفعَل، تفاعَلَ، تفعَّل)

Verbally translate each statement with your partner, then write down your translation below each statement. If you do not know a word, circumlocute to describe its meaning.

1. Israel was founded/established in 1948. The foundation of the government was a political and religious one.

2. Before Israel was founded/established, Palestinians and Jews lived together relatively peacefully.

3. Once Israel was established, and in the years after the 1967 war, Israel has created/made more settlements, and destroyed/destructed Palestinian villages.

4. It is said that the main problem today between Palestine and Israel is the issue of settlements. Settlements do not allow for greater and more effective peace negotiations.

5. Another main issue is the human rights violations in Gaza. Only human rights organizations are allowed to enter Gaza, and the border between Gaza and Israel has been closed since Hamas was elected in 2007.

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